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RESOLUTION NO. 5376

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF HUNTINGTON BEACH APPROVING A RECREATION
ELEMENT TO CITY'S GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, Government Code section 65303(a) permits a Recreation Element to be included in the city's General Plan, showing a comprehensive system of areas and public sites for recreation, their locations and proposed development; and

Such Recreation Element has been prepared combining the recommended contents set out in Government Code section 65303(a), an updated inventory of existing city recreational facilities, together with recommendations for facilities needed to serve the community in the future; and

After public hearing on such Recreation Element, the Planning Commission adopted its Resolution No. 1318 on April 17, 1984, recommending approval; and

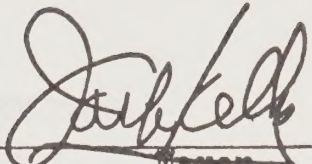
The City Council, after giving notice as prescribed by Government Code section 65355, held at least one public hearing to consider said Recreation Element to the city's General Plan; and

At said hearing before the City Council all persons desiring to be heard were heard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach, pursuant to Government Code section 65357, that the Recreation Element is hereby approved and adopted, and made a part of the General Plan of the City of Huntington Beach.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st

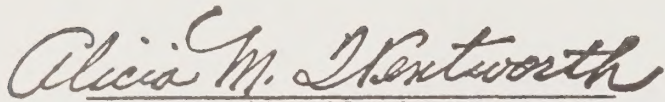
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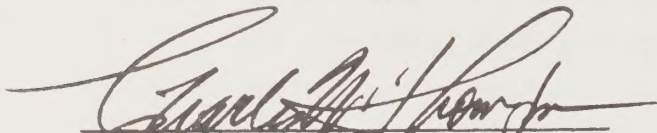
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 CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH)

I, ALICIA M. WENTWORTH, the duly elected, qualified City Clerk of the City of Huntington Beach, and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council of said City, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach is seven; that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the affirmative vote of more than a majority of all the members of said City Council at a regular _____ meeting thereof held on the 21st day of May, 19 84, by the following vote:

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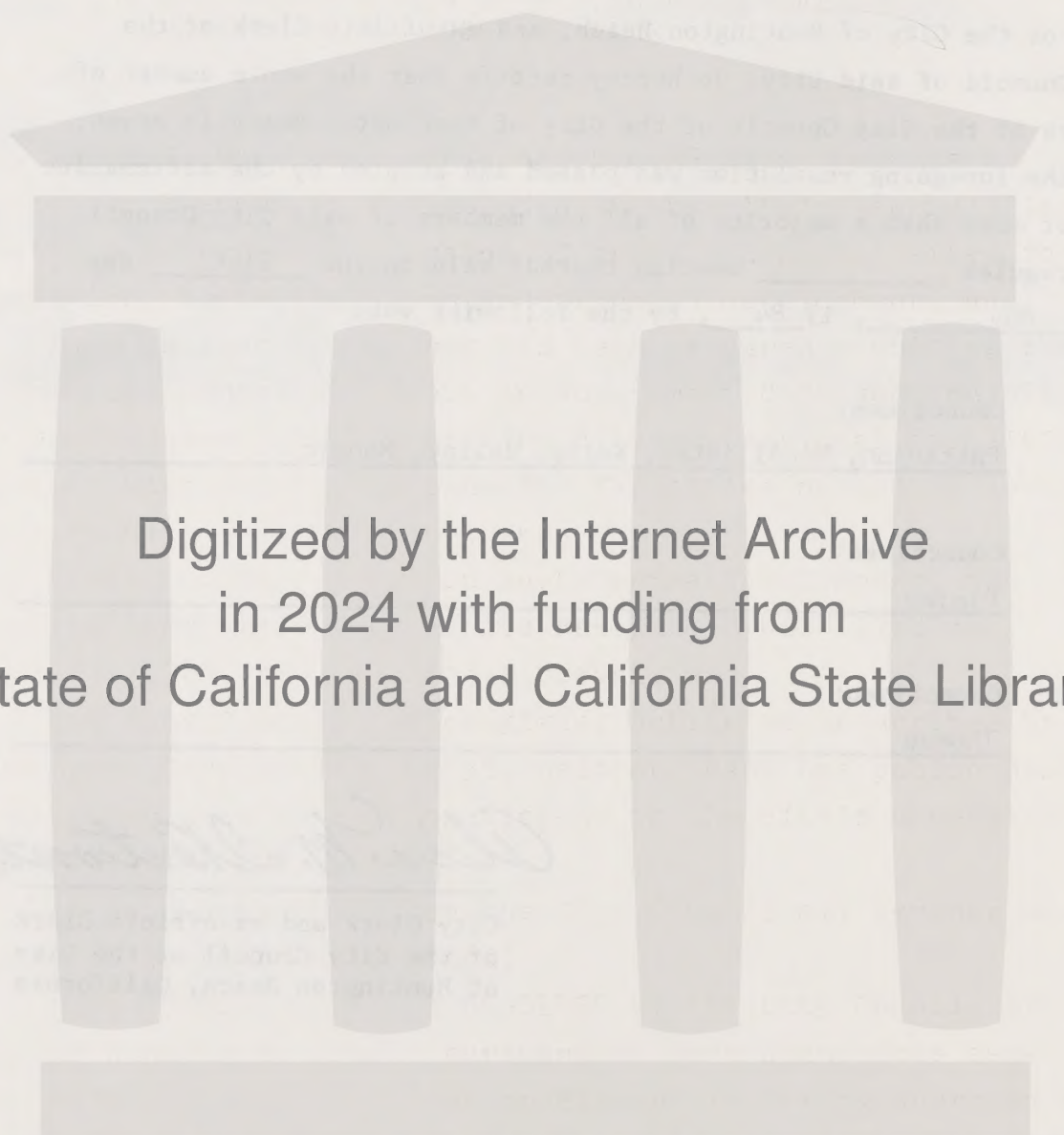
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INTRODUCTION



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1.0

INTRODUCTION

The availability of recreational opportunities and the location of open space significantly affect the quality of life in Huntington Beach. Recreation and leisure activities are an important component of life for most people. Much of the recreation demand is for activities such as walking, bike riding, picnicking, softball, racquetball, tennis, swimming, surfing and other sports that require large open space areas and/or special facilities.

To help meet the recreation needs of its residents and to provide areas for these activities, the City of Huntington Beach owns and operates an extensive system of public parks and recreation facilities. The City is planning for the acquisition and improvement of additional park acreage in order to meet future recreation demand.

Improving and maintaining recreation facilities requires a significant expenditure of public monies. Because the funds available for recreation are limited, the City must carefully examine its decisions regarding the improvement and maintenance of existing recreation areas and the provision of additional parks.

The Recreation Element is intended to provide direction for the acquisition, development and maintenance of the City's public recreation facilities. The goals and policies contained in this element are intended to help the City prioritize its expenditures on park facilities to achieve a system that best meets the recreation needs of the community.

1.1

AUTHORIZATION

The City Charter gives the City authority to prepare elements to the General Plan. Additionally, Section 56303(a) of the California Government Code, does provide for the inclusion of such an element:

"The General Plan may include ... A recreation element showing a comprehensive system of acres and public sites for recreation including the following, and, when practicable, their locations and proposed development: (1) natural reservations, (2) parks, (3) parkways, (4) beaches, (5) playgrounds, (6) recreational community gardens and (7) other recreation areas."

1.2 DEFINITIONS

An understanding of the following concepts is important to comprehend the discussions contained in this element:

Park Standard - A convenient technique used to estimate the demand for recreational resources and facilities by specifying park acreage needs per 1,000 population (e.g., five acres of park per 1,000 population). Although simple to administer, park standards fail to consider many important factors in assessing park demand such as personal preferences, family size, income level, housing type, proximity to regional recreation areas and other variables.

Neighborhood Park - Neighborhood parks usually range from 2.5 to 5 acres in size. They are designed to accommodate the recreational needs of all age groups, however, they are primarily planned for children from five to fourteen years of age. Ideally, neighborhood parks are centrally located within a neighborhood and adjacent to a school whenever possible so that facilities can be combined to provide a more functional facility. Recreation facilities typically provided in neighborhood parks include children's play areas, picnic tables, and basketball courts. The service area for a neighborhood park is generally the area within a one-quarter to a one-half mile radius.

Mini Park - Less than one acre in size, mini parks are not primarily designed for active recreational uses but do provide open space and buffering from adjacent urban development. Facilities typically include walking paths and benches to take advantage of the park setting.

Beach Park - Beach parks provide for sand and ocean oriented recreational activities including swimming, sunbathing, surfing, fishing and/or boating. Three beach parks are located along the City's nine mile coastline and four small channel beaches are located in Huntington Harbour which supplement the City's neighborhood parks.

Community Park - Community parks are designed to serve several neighborhoods. They are planned for youths and adults, and provide for a wider range of activities than the neighborhood park or playground. Community parks generally range in size from 10 to 40 acres and provide facilities for both indoor and outdoor recreational activities such as softball diamonds, basketball courts, tennis courts and community centers. The service area for a community park is approximately the area within a one to one and one-half mile radius.

Regional Park - Regional parks provide for special recreational activities and supplement other recreational facilities located throughout an urban area. They serve a regional demand and generally have a service area radius of approximately 30 to 40 miles. Regional parks provide major recreational

facilities generally not available in neighborhood or community parks such as camping areas, equestrian centers, nature preserves, walking trails and/or lakes for fishing and boating. Such regional facilities are generally owned and operated by County governments.

1.3 RECREATION ELEMENT ORGANIZATION

This section presents a brief introduction to the Recreation Element and describes its relationship to other general plan elements. Section Two provides an inventory of existing and proposed recreation facilities. Section Three presents a discussion of recreational demand in the City and compares the City's recreation needs with the existing and planned recreational resources available to the area. Section Four contains goals and policies for providing and maintaining a system of public parks and recreational facilities that best meets the needs of the community.

1.4 HISTORY OF PARK PLANNING IN HUNTINGTON BEACH

Prior to 1960, the City of Huntington Beach had a population of less than 9,500 residents. With approximately four miles of beach frontage, three small parks totaling 6.6 acres and a two acre recreation center, the City contained adequate recreational facilities to meet the City's recreation demands.

With rapid residential development in Huntington Beach during the 1960's - from a population of 9,250 in 1960 to 114,700 in 1970 - the City began to see a need to plan for future park and recreation space to satisfy the demands of a growing community. In 1965, the City contracted with the Urban Land Institute (U.L.I.) to prepare an overall evaluation of Huntington Beach and devise a program to improve the City's image. With reference to parks and recreation, the U.L.I. recommended that because regional park facilities are located around the periphery of the City (Sunset Aquatic, Mile Square and the City and State beaches), emphasis should be placed on the acquisition and development of neighborhood parks.

In 1965, the California State Legislature amended the Subdivision Map Act to enable cities and counties to require either the dedication of land, the payment of fees, or a combination of both, for park and recreational purposes as a condition for subdivision map approval. In August, 1966, the City Council added a new section to the Huntington Beach Ordinance Code (Article 998) enabling the City to require parkland dedications based on a general park standard of four acres per 1,000 population. This requirement was to be satisfied in part by local school districts supplying 1.5 acres per 1,000 population with the remaining 2.5 acres provided by the developer.

In August, 1966, the Huntington Beach City Council also adopted the Master Plan of Parks, Open Space, Schools and Recreation Element to the Master Plan of Land Use to provide direction toward developing a balanced recreational system. Following the recommendations of the Urban Land Institute, the plan emphasized the acquisition and development of neighborhood parks. Active recreational uses were to be located in at least three community parks and recreation centers, and a city lake and natural area of 65 acres were planned to be centrally located in the City. The Plan incorporated the park development standards for community and neighborhood parks as recommended by the American Public Health Association Committee on the Hygiene of Housing.

In 1969, a special bond election was held in which the voters of Huntington Beach overwhelmingly approved the use of general obligation bonds to finance additional acquisition and development of the City's parks program. The ultimate park system proposed at that time consisted of 32 neighborhood parks, six larger community parks, and a central city park of 147 acres to offer multi-use recreational opportunities.

In the early 1970's, a City-wide Policy Plan was developed to establish goals and principles to guide the City's growth and development. One of these policies indicated a need for a higher park standard. In 1973, the City raised its park dedication requirements to five acres per 1,000 population. Many of the recreation and park development goals of the Policy Plan were incorporated into the Open Space/Conservation Element to the General Plan adopted in December 1976. The Element included an Open Space and Conservation Plan depicting proposed recreation, open space and scenic corridor areas within the City.

1.5 RELATIONSHIP OF THE RECREATION ELEMENT TO OTHER GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS

The California Government Code requires that general plans contain an integrated, internally consistent set of policies. The following discussion elaborates on the relationship between the Recreation Element and the other elements of the Huntington Beach General Plan.

Land Use Element

The City's Land Use Element designates areas of the City as open space and contains locational criteria for all public recreational facilities. The Land Use Element also establishes maximum densities which can be used to project the population level and makeup of the City at ultimate development. This, in turn, can be used to project future recreation demand. It is important that the location and size of recreation areas proposed in the Recreation Element be closely related to the densities and development patterns established in the Land Use Element.

Open Space/Conservation Element

The Open Space/Conservation Element focuses on the preservation of open space and the conservation of resources. One means of retaining open space is through park and recreational development. The priorities for park acquisition and development contained in the Recreation Element can further the goals and policies contained in the Open Space/Conservation Element.

Coastal Element

The Coastal Element describes and contains policies regulating recreation facilities in the City's coastal zone, particularly Bolsa Chica State Beach, Huntington City and Huntington State Beaches. The Coastal Element recognizes that the City must take into account regional and state recreational needs as well as local needs in planning for the coastal zone. The proposed parks and recreation facilities in the Coastal Zone must be consistent with the land uses and policies set forth in the Coastal Element and in the Recreation Element.

Housing Element

The Housing Element contains policies to promote adequate housing opportunities for all groups including low and moderate income households. Affordable housing is typically developed at a higher density and may provide less private open space than low density, single family subdivisions. It is important to insure that adequate public recreation areas are provided to meet the needs created by the range of housing types contained in the City.

Noise Element

The City's Noise Element identifies the primary noise sources in the City, establishes the desired maximum noise levels by land use category and proposes programs to reduce noise exposure to acceptable levels. The City's parks provide open and natural areas that can serve to buffer land uses from adjacent noise sources.

Seismic Safety

The Seismic Safety Element evaluates seismic, geologic and safety hazards in Huntington Beach. Areas of high hazard may have limited development potential and may be best suited for parks or open space.

Circulation

The Circulation Element identifies the general location and extent of the City's existing and proposed roads, highways and transit routes and contains policies regarding their improvement. Many of the regional recreational facilities in the City, particularly the beaches, generate heavy traffic volumes during the summer. It is important to have an adequate circulation system to safely handle recreation traffic. Recreation policies regarding the expansion and improvement of recreation facilities could create the need for additional circulation improvements.

Scenic Highways

The Scenic Highways Element seeks the preservation of urban and natural scenic resources adjoining roadways. Several of the City's designated scenic highways and routes and landscape corridors are adjacent to existing or proposed regional park facilities. Maintenance and improvement of these park facilities will enhance the scenic qualities of adjacent roadways.

Community Facilities

The Community Facilities Element serves to coordinate and prioritize expenditures for the provision of community facilities. Similarly, the Recreation Element provides a guide for prioritizing park development in the City. The policies from both Elements should be used together to guide the City's capital expenditures.

INVENTORY OF RECREATION FACILITIES



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2.0 INVENTORY OF RECREATION FACILITIES

This section describes the existing and proposed public recreation facilities available to the residents of Huntington Beach. A summary of the City's recreational facilities is shown in Table 1. A more detailed inventory with a corresponding locational map is contained in Appendix A.

The City of Huntington Beach contains both extensive and diverse opportunities for recreation. In addition to a park system which includes 50 neighborhood parks, 4 community parks and the largest City-owned and operated regional park in Orange County (Huntington Central Park), the City also contains a variety of public recreational opportunities including beaches, equestrian trails, bike paths, school playgrounds and a community college facility. There are also two regional parks in close proximity to the City (Sunset Aquatic Park in Seal Beach and Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley) which provide added recreational areas for Huntington Beach residents.

The City provides year-round recreation programs for all age groups which utilize many of the City's public school and recreational facilities. Instruction is offered in dance, arts and crafts, exercise, self-improvement and a variety of sporting activities including swimming and tennis. Goldenwest College also serves an important City-wide recreational need by offering Huntington Beach residents a variety of recreational classes and use of the College's extensive athletic facilities.

2.1 EXISTING FACILITIES

2.1.1 Neighborhood Parks/Mini Parks

The City currently contains 182.5 acres of developed neighborhood park space divided into 47 parks which generally range in size from two to five acres. Several larger parks (e.g., 11 acres in size) are considered as neighborhood parks because they do not contain the facilities found in community parks such as ballfields, tennis courts and community centers. These larger neighborhood parks include Gisler, Greer, Chris Carr, Langenbeck and the proposed Bartlett Park which will include a salt marsh sanctuary and the Newland House site.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPED PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES

PARKS

- 47 Neighborhood Parks (183 acres)
- 3 Mini Parks (1.2 acres)
- 4 Community Parks (78 acres)
- Huntington Central Park (190 acres)

REGIONAL FACILITIES ADJACENT TO HUNTINGTON BEACH

- Sunset Aquatic Park, Seal Beach (95 acres/260 boat slips)
- Mile Square Park, Fountain Valley (632 acres)
- Bolsa Chica Ecological Preserve (300 acres)

BEACH PARKS

- Bolsa Chica State (six miles)
- Huntington City (one mile)
- Huntington State (two miles)

BLUFFTOP LANDSCAPED AREA (4 acres)

MUNICIPAL PIER

HUNTINGTON HARBOUR (2,289 boat slips)

GOLF COURSES

- Driftwood (9 holes)
- Meadowlark (18 holes)
- Seacliff (18 holes)

CITY GYM AND POOL

MICHAEL E. RODGERS SENIOR RECREATION CENTER

OAK VIEW CENTER

COMMUNITY CENTERS

- Edison Community Center
- Murdy Community Center

CLUBHOUSES

- Lake Park Clubhouse
- Lake View Clubhouse
- Harbour View Clubhouse

BIKEWAYS (110 miles)

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS (3 miles)

NEWLAND HOUSE (historical residence)

SCHOOLS

- Golden West College
- 4 High Schools
- 43 Elementary Schools



Twenty-eight of the City's neighborhood parks are located immediately adjacent to elementary schools enhancing the complementary function of these two uses. There are an additional 13 elementary school playgrounds located throughout the City which contain recreation facilities and serve a function similar to that of neighborhood parks. Under a use agreement with the elementary school districts, Huntington Beach residents may use school playgrounds for recreation after normal school hours.

The City owns most of its neighborhood park sites (as well as its community and regional park sites). Some of the acreage, however, is leased from a school district or from the Edison Company. The school districts "lease" portions of their school sites to the City at no charge under a joint powers agreement. The City provides the recreation facilities and performs required maintenance per agreement.

The City also contains three mini parks located in Huntington Harbour: French, Prince and Trinidad Beach. All less than one acre in size, these mini parks were not primarily designed for active recreational uses. These facilities do, however, provide open space and buffering from adjacent residential development and offer panoramic views of Huntington Harbour.

2.1.2

Community Parks

There are four community parks located in Huntington Beach: Edison, Marina, Murdy and Worthy Parks.

Edison is a 40-acre community park located in the southeast section of the City. It is located adjacent to Kettler Elementary School and across the street from Edison High School which provide additional recreation space. The park contains an 11,500 square foot community center with a recreation room, offices and four meeting rooms. Edison also has outdoor recreational facilities for softball, tennis, volleyball, basketball, handball, shuffleboard, horseshoes and offers both picnic facilities and children's play areas.

Marina Community park is an 11-acre facility located at the intersection of Edinger Avenue and Graham Street. The site is part of the adjacent Marina High School and is utilized under a joint powers agreement. Marina Park does not contain a community center, but it is the location of one of the City's library annexes. Outdoor recreation facilities include ball diamonds, tennis, basketball and handball courts, picnic tables, children's play areas and a swimming pool.

Murdy Park is a 15-acre site located on Goldenwest Street approximately three-quarters of a mile north of Central Park. In addition to outdoor recreation facilities which include ball diamonds, tennis, basketball and handball courts and a children's play area, Murdy also contains an 11,000 square foot community center with a recreation room, offices and meeting rooms.

Worthy Park, the City's newest community park, consists of 12 acres adjacent to Huntington Beach High School near the intersection of Main and Seventeenth Streets. The park contains facilities for basketball, turf volleyball, softball, racquetball and a children's play area. The racquetball courts, built and operated by a private developer, require a user fee.

2.1.3 Huntington Central Park

Encompassing nearly 300 acres, Huntington Central Park is the largest city-owned and operated park in Orange County. It includes a recently approved 30-acre expansion of the existing facility. The City is also considering the addition of another 25 acres for a publicly or privately developed recreational use.

Amenities within the park include picnic and barbecue facilities, an equestrian center, three playgrounds, two fishing lakes, six miles of walking and bicycle trails, an 18-hole frisbee golf course, a par course (exercise/jogging) with 18 stations, a youth camping area, a public pistol range and a small amphitheater.

The City's Central Library and the 18-acre Donald D. Shipley Nature Center are also located within Huntington Central Park. The nature center includes a variety of habitats frequented by many varieties of birds and other native wildlife. Visitors can follow a 1/2 mile, self-guided nature trail and visit the center's museum. A park ranger/naturalist is on duty in the park and is available to assist the public.

2.1.4 Regional Parks and Beaches

Mile Square

Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley is a 632 acre regional park operated and maintained by the County of Orange. Located within one-half mile from the northeastern boundary of Huntington Beach, this facility offers an abundance of regional recreational amenities, including: an 18 hole golf course and driving range, two fishing lakes, softball and baseball diamonds, cricket and soccer fields, a hobby area for model airplanes, barbecues and firepits, basketball and tennis courts and a recreation center.

Sunset Aquatic

Sunset Aquatic Park, operated by the County of Orange, is located in Seal Beach on the west end of Edinger Avenue immediately adjacent to Huntington Beach. The total area of this regional facility is 95 acres, of which approximately one-third are developed. The park contains 260 boat slips, a large boat launching ramp providing access to the Huntington Harbour waterways and 4.5 acres of picnicking area. The County is currently preparing a development plan for the facility which will add additional boat slips, RV campsites and, possibly, a marine nature center and a nesting reserve for the California Least Tern.

Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve

The Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, approximately 300 acres of restored marsh area owned by the State of California, is located north of Bolsa Chica State Beach. The Reserve is an environmentally sensitive area surrounded by the Bolsa Chica lowlands and serves as a natural coastal habitat for a number of endangered wildlife species.

The Reserve contains a trail system located around the perimeter of the marsh as well as two observation areas easily accessible to Huntington Beach residents. Currently, the County of Orange is developing a Local Coastal Plan

for the entire Bolsa Chica area in accordance with the provisions of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

Beach Parks

Huntington Beach contains over nine miles of shoreline, including Bolsa Chica and Huntington State Beaches, operated by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation, and Huntington City Beach, operated by the City. These three beaches encompass a total of approximately 380 acres and provide regional recreational opportunities for sunbathing, swimming, surfing, bodysurfing, sand volleyball and skin/scuba diving. Fire rings are also available for barbecues and evening campfires.

Offshore clam beds and a variety of game fish also attract divers and surf fishermen to the Huntington Beach shoreline. A trail extends the length of this shoreline, allowing for bicycle riding, jogging and walking separated from vehicular traffic.

One characteristic of all three beaches is their popularity with surfers. The Huntington Beach coastline has many excellent locations for surfing due to its long, gradually sloping beach gradient and location in relation to ocean swells. The three beach areas in the City have been the sites of many national and international surfing contests and are among the best surfing areas on the West Coast. A detailed description of each of the three beaches along with a discussion of existing and future attendance patterns is contained in the City's Coastal Element.

Two small channel beaches are located in Huntington Harbour at the entrances to Davenport and Humboldt Islands offering additional opportunities for sunbathing and swimming activities. These two beach parks serve to supplement the area's neighborhood parks. Two additional channel beaches are located within Trinidad Beach and Seabridge neighborhood parks which are also in Huntington Harbour.

2.1.5 Recreational Vehicle Camping

The Sunset Vista Camper Facility, located on Pacific Coast Highway in the Huntington City Beach parking lot at Lake Street, is a City-operated recreational vehicle camping site offering 150 spaces from September 15 through May 31. The facility allows camping immediately adjacent to the beach.

In addition, the State Department of Parks and Recreation began a new program in August, 1982, which allocates 50 spaces for en route overnight camping at both Huntington State and Bolsa Chica State Beaches. Campers pay a nominal fee per night and are required to check in after 8:00 p.m. and leave by 9:00 a.m. the following morning. The RV spaces made available under this program are for year-round use. The City beach also offers a similar program for enroute RV camping between June 1 and September 14.

2.1.6 Municipal Pier

The Municipal Pier is both a recreational facility and a major visitor attraction. Originally built in 1914, the wood and reinforced concrete structure extends 1,800 feet from shore. It is located at the intersection of Main Street and Pacific Coast Highway and is a focal point for the City's downtown area.

Strolling and sightseeing are the most common uses of the Pier. Panoramic views of the coastline and Catalina Island are a major attraction. Twenty-five hundred feet of railing are available for fishing, and a bait and tackle shop located in the middle of the Pier serves fishermen. Several concessions offer food and refreshments with views of the ocean and shoreline.

In March, 1983, during a series of severe winter rainstorms, the end of the Pier was heavily damaged, resulting in the collapse of a restaurant. The damaged section of the Pier is currently under repair, and a new restaurant is being designed for construction in the near future.

2.1.7 Huntington Harbour

Huntington Harbour is a 680-acre residential development oriented around a network of manmade channels located in the northwest corner of the City. The waterways provide significant opportunities for boating which is the major recreational use of the area. The channel system within the harbor covers a surface area of 225 acres and provides for approximately 2,289 boat slips. The entrance to the Huntington Harbour channels is located at the northwest end of the harbor and passes under a bridge at Pacific Coast Highway.

Public access to the channels is provided in several areas where boats can be rented and by the City-operated public boat ramp located adjacent to the Warner Fire Station at Warner Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. An additional boat ramp is located at the Sunset Aquatic Park in Seal Beach.

2.1.8 Golf Courses

There are three golf courses in Huntington Beach. Driftwood Country Club is a City-owned 11 acre, nine hole pitch 'n' putt course located on Pacific Coast Highway. Facilities include a putting green, snack bar, pro shop and lounge.

Meadowlark Golf Course is a City-owned 96 acre, 18-hole course located on Graham Street. Facilities include two putting greens, a lighted driving range, lessons, carts, pro shop, snack bar, restaurant and lounge.

Seacliff Country Club is a 140 acre, 18-hole privately owned course located on Palm Avenue. Facilities include a driving range, two putting greens, a pro shop, tennis courts, snack bar, lounge, restaurant and banquet facilities.

2.1.9 Huntington Beach City Gym

The City Gym, located at Sixteenth Street and Palm Avenue, offers indoor swimming, showers, volleyball and basketball courts, a recreation room, meeting room and weight room. The 0.8 acre gym site is owned by the Huntington Beach Elementary School District and leased to the City at a nominal charge.

2.1.10 Michael E. Rodgers Senior Recreation Center

The Michael E. Rodgers Senior Recreation Center, located at Orange Avenue and Seventeenth Street, provides recreation facilities for senior citizens. It contains four meeting rooms, a meeting hall, kitchen, gameroom and offices.

Pool, snooker and card games are available plus many classes, activities and services which are offered on a weekly schedule. Extensive remodeling of the existing facility is currently underway.

2.1.11 Oak View Center

The Oak View Center, located on Oak Lane south of Warner Avenue, provides specialized recreation facilities for the Oak View neighborhood. Facilities include a neighborhood park with play equipment and a basketball court, a multi-purpose meeting hall/gymnasium, additional meeting rooms, a kitchen and a recreation room. Day care services are also available at the Center.

2.1.12 Clubhouses

There are three clubhouses in the City which are available for rental use by youth and adult groups. Both Lake Park Clubhouse, located at Lake and 12th Streets, and Harbour View Clubhouse, located near Saybrook Lane and Heil Avenue, offer large meeting rooms and full kitchens. Lake View Clubhouse contains a small meeting facility and is located off Slater Avenue near Newland Street.

2.1.13 Bikeways

Bicycling is a recreational activity and an important mode of transportation to recreational areas, particularly for young people. Safe and enjoyable bicycling can be accommodated by special lanes or paths designated for this use.

Currently there are approximately 110 miles of bikeways with plans to eventually provide bikeways along all of the City's major arterials. Approximately 21 miles of the existing bikeways are completely separated from vehicular traffic. These paths are found along the Santa Ana River channel, along the City's entire nine mile shoreline, in the City's parks and along a portion of Main Street. A second type of bikeway found in the City consists of a striped lane along an existing arterial. Vehicular traffic is not permitted in this lane although automobile parking is allowed in some areas. There are approximately 89 miles of these lanes within the City.

The City's Master Plan of Bikeways is currently being incorporated into the City's Trails Implementation Plan.

2.1.14 Equestrian Trail System

The City maintains approximately two miles of horse trails located in Huntington Central Park. A master plan of equestrian trails in Huntington Central Park is now being designed, and a 25 acre privately developed and maintained equestrian center is presently under construction. Riders also utilize informal trails in the area located south of Ellis Avenue between Edwards and Goldenwest Streets. (The City is currently preparing a specific plan to guide future development in the Ellis-Goldenwest area which will delineate major equestrian trails which are to be preserved.)

The City's Trails Implementation Plan contains the adopted Equestrian Trails Plan which emphasizes equestrian use west of Goldenwest Street within Huntington Central Park and ultimately extends the trail system into the Bolsa Chica area. The proposed Bolsa Chica Linear Park (see Section 2.2) is planned to provide an equestrian trail connecting Central Park with Bolsa Chica State Beach.

2.1.15 Newland House

The Newland House, located on a bluff near the northeastern corner of Beach Boulevard and Adams Avenue, is the former home of Huntington Beach pioneers William and Mary Newland, both instrumental in the early growth and development of the City. Built in 1898, the house (and adjacent grounds) were restored to preserve the site for future generations and are operated and maintained by the Historical Society through a lease agreement with the City. The .5 acre site is adjacent to the proposed 30 acre Bartlett Park.

Future plans include adding a barn-like structure to the site to house a permanent caretaker residence and a multi-purpose facility for wedding receptions and special events. Also proposed is a restoration of the Newland House grounds to resemble the original farm site. Completion of these improvements is expected by June, 1984.

2.1.16 Golden West College

Golden West College in Huntington Beach offers City residents a variety of facilities. Lighted baseball diamonds, tennis, handball and racquetball courts are available as well as indoor and outdoor basketball courts, an archery range, a swimming pool and running track. The college also provides a wide variety of physical education, cultural, and arts and crafts classes which are available to area residents.

2.1.17 Private Recreation Facilities

Besides having extensive public recreational opportunities, Huntington Beach also contains a variety of privately operated recreational facilities available to residents. Located within the City are several private health and exercise clubs as well as tennis and racquetball facilities, all of which require membership fees. These private facilities help to satisfy a portion of the total recreational demand in the City.

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITIES

Neighborhood Parks

Seven new parks and two additions to existing parks are proposed for future development, comprising an additional 56 acres of neighborhood parkland. The property has already been acquired by the City. Additionally, three park sites are conceptually planned for the Seacliff residential area, and four park sites are conceptually planned for the Bolsa Chica in anticipation of eventual annexation by the City. A listing and map of proposed neighborhood parks are contained in Appendix A.

Community Parks

No additional property for community park sites is planned for acquisition at the present time.

Regional Facilities

Blufftop Landscaped Area - The Blufftop Landscaped Area, a proposed

landscaped greenbelt on State property extending for approximately one mile along the ocean bluff from Goldenwest Street to Ninth Street, is proposed to be developed in three phases. Plans for ultimate development of the landscape area call for providing visitor accessways, the planting of more than 200 trees and shrubs, installation of an irrigation system, benches, picnic tables and drinking fountains. The landscaped area will also incorporate several outlook points providing visitors with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean.

The landscaped area's initial phase, which includes landscaping and construction of visitor accessways, was completed in 1983 and was jointly funded by the City, the County of Orange and private donations. Phase II is currently being designed and construction is anticipated in 1984.

Bolsa Chica Linear Park - The City of Huntington Beach and the County of Orange are jointly preparing plans for the acquisition and development of a linear park located near the southeastern periphery of the Bolsa Chica lowlands. The linear park is intended to act as a buffer between developed areas of Huntington Beach and the Bolsa Chica wetlands and bluffs. Passive in nature, the linear park will provide jogging, bicycling and equestrian trails to link Huntington Central Park with Bolsa Chica State Beach.

Currently, study is underway by Orange County's Environmental Management Agency to determine an exact configuration for the park boundary. Because development of the park is largely dependent on property acquisition, completion of the entire park may take as long as 20 years. An interim trail linkage, however, may be completed at an earlier date.

Bolsa Chica Marina - The County of Orange has adopted a local coastal land use plan for the Bolsa Chica that includes an 1,800-slip public marina. The proposed land use plan has not yet been certified by the Coastal Commission. Should the proposed plan be approved, the marina would offer Huntington Beach residents additional water-oriented recreational opportunities.

Huntington Central Park - The City is currently pursuing plans to develop a YMCA facility within Huntington Central Park and establish additional horse trails near the equestrian center. The City is also considering the acquisition of an additional 25-acre site for a publicly or privately developed recreational use immediately adjacent to the existing park boundary.

ADEQUACY OF PARK ACREAGE



section 3

3.0 ADEQUACY OF PARK ACREAGE

Parks in Huntington Beach serve an invaluable function for area residents by providing recreational space in the City, by preserving open space and by aesthetically enhancing the community and neighborhoods they serve. While park development does utilize land that could be developed for residential, commercial or industrial uses, the value of parks in serving the social, psychological and recreational needs of the public cannot be underestimated. This is increasingly important to consider as Huntington Beach and surrounding Orange County cities continue to increase in population and density, resulting in a growing demand for park space. In the final analysis, the positive benefits of preserving open space and providing recreational opportunity through park development should be carefully weighed against escalating park development and maintenance costs and the loss of tax revenue from alternative development.

3.1 SUMMARY OF PARK ACREAGE AVAILABLE TO CITY RESIDENTS AT ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT

TABLE 2

EXISTING AND PROPOSED PARK ACREAGE AT ULTIMATE BUILDOUT

City Parks:		
Neighborhood/Mini		236 acres
Community		78 acres
Huntington Central Park		300 acres
Huntington City Beach		72 acres
State Beach Parks:		
Bolsa Chica and Huntington State Beaches		308 acres
Blufftop Landscaped Area		4 acres
	TOTAL	998 acres ¹

Source: Huntington Beach Planning Division, 1983.

¹ The size of the proposed Bolsa Chica Linear Park is largely dependent on City, County and private land dedications. Additionally, the ultimate residential population of the Bolsa Chica is impossible to estimate at this time. For these reasons, staff has not included any acreage for this facility in the park total.

Table 2 indicates the total amount of park acreage that will be available to Huntington Beach residents at ultimate buildout. It is based on information presented in Section 2.0 of this Element and includes existing and proposed parks. A map of these facilities is included in Appendix A. As shown in Table 2, the existing and planned recreational facilities available to Huntington Beach residents at ultimate development will include 236 acres in neighborhood/mini parks, 300 acres in Huntington Central Park, 78 acres in community parks, 72 acres in Huntington City Beach and 318 acres in State beach parks.

5.2 PARK STANDARDS

The traditional way to determine the amount of recreational area needed in a community is to apply a standard or ratio based on population. Since 1973, when the City established its present park dedication requirements, a five acre general park standard (in other words, five acres of parkland for each 1,000 people residing in Huntington Beach) has been used as a goal for ultimate park development in the City. The ultimate population for Huntington Beach at buildout is projected to be 218,000.² Using the City's goal of five acres for every 1,000 residents, the City will need 1,090 acres of park at ultimate population to meet its park development goal. As previously discussed, existing and planned park acreage will total 998 acres. This will result in a ratio of approximately 4.6 acres per 1,000 population. Based on the City's general park standard, then, Huntington Beach can justifiably pursue the acquisition of additional park acreage to help meet its overall park development goal. An additional 92 acres of park space beyond what is currently proposed would have to be developed in order to meet a park goal of five acres per 1,000 population.

Development of additional public recreation facilities should be balanced, however, against the costs of park construction and on-going maintenance. While additional City parks would be of general benefit to the entire community, the capital expenditures required to construct and maintain these facilities must be carefully anticipated prior to development so that additional park development does not create an undue economic burden on the City.

The above analysis combined neighborhood, community and regional park space and compared it with total City population. The types of parks can be separated to provide a ratio of acreage per 1,000 population for each type. Using the acreage figures from Table 2 and an ultimate population of 218,000 persons, results in the following ratios:

Neighborhood/Mini Parks	0.92 acres/1,000 pop.
Community Parks	0.35 acres/1,000 pop.
Huntington Central Park	1.37 acres/1,000 pop.
State and City Beaches	1.78 acres/1,000 pop.

² Southern California Association of Governments estimate, 1982.

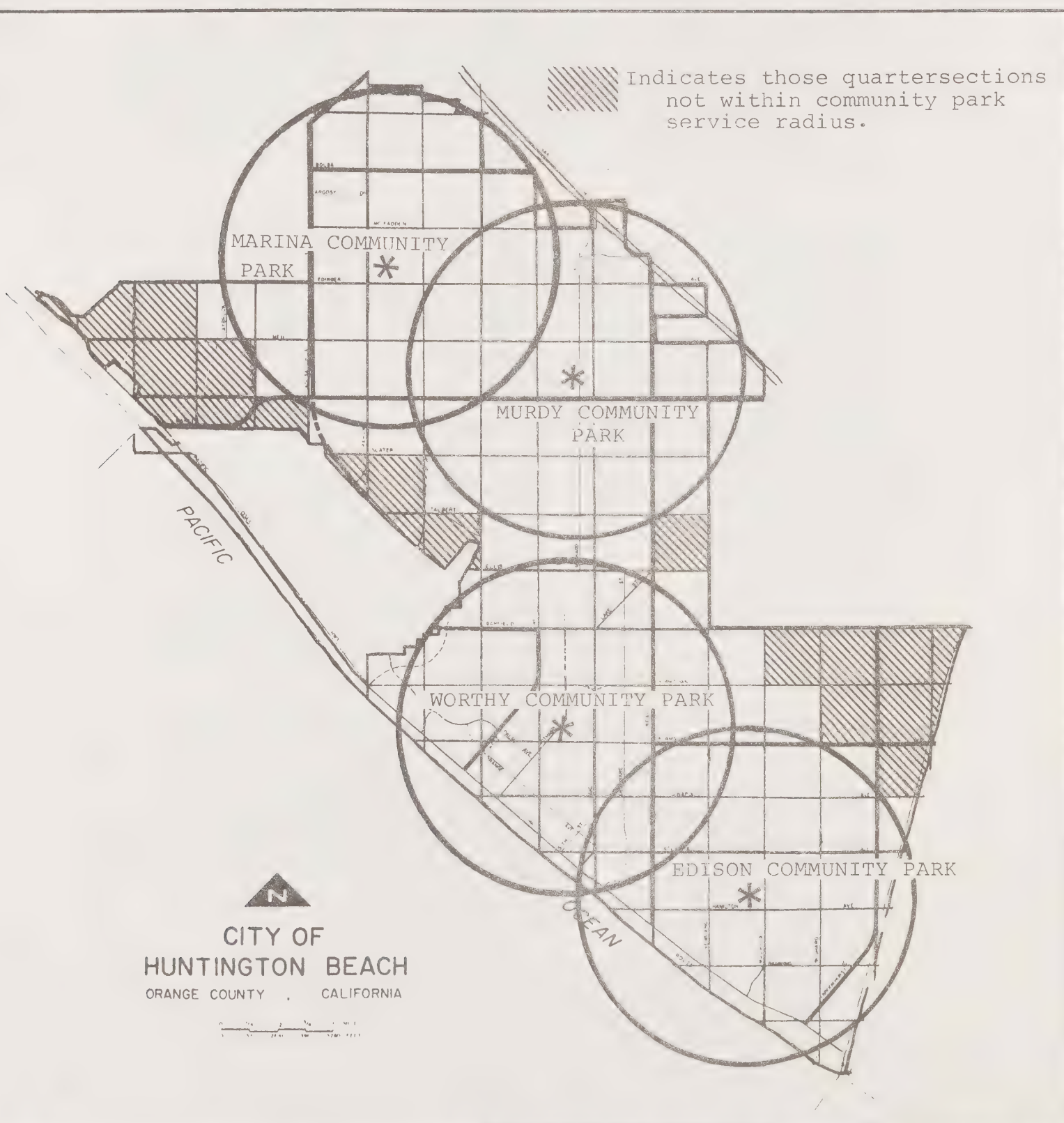
The largest ratio of park acreage per population will be in State and City beaches and the lowest amount in community park facilities. In order to provide a balance of recreation opportunities, the City should, in general, acquire additional community park acreage or develop existing acreage with the facilities most commonly found in community parks such as athletic fields, picnic areas, and recreation centers. To some extent, the facilities proposed for Central Park will serve as community recreation facilities to help fulfill some of this need.

Figure 3-1 shows the areas of the City that are not within a one and one-half mile distance (the standard service radius) from a community park. Those deficient quarter sections located near the coast are in close proximity to existing and planned regional facilities which can help to satisfy some of the community park demand. This still leaves deficient areas in the eastern portion of the City. Should the opportunity occur for providing additional community park acreage in the City, greatest consideration should be given to those areas not currently served by a community park. This consideration should also include an analysis of the area's future residential population and the availability of other types of park facilities including schools and private facilities to residents of that area.

Figure 3-2 shows the location of neighborhood parks throughout the City and indicates those quartersections that are not located within a one-half mile radius (the standard service radius) of a neighborhood park. As shown, this includes a number of residential neighborhoods in the City. Several neighborhoods do not contain their own parks but are located within the service radius of other nearby neighborhood parks. Although these neighborhoods are served by facilities in adjacent quartersections, access is often possible only by crossing major streets. This can pose safety hazards for younger children who are the primary users of neighborhood parks.

If the opportunity occurs to provide additional neighborhood parks, priority should be given to those quartersections without parks. More specifically, the local park needs of any particular neighborhood should be based on an analysis of the future population and density of that neighborhood, the proximity of community, regional and other types of public recreation facilities, availability of private recreation facilities, and proximity of nearby school recreation areas. As depicted on Page 21, the Seacliff residential area is the location in the City most deficient in neighborhood park acreage. Consideration should be given to developing a neighborhood park located and designed to meet the neighborhood park needs of this area.

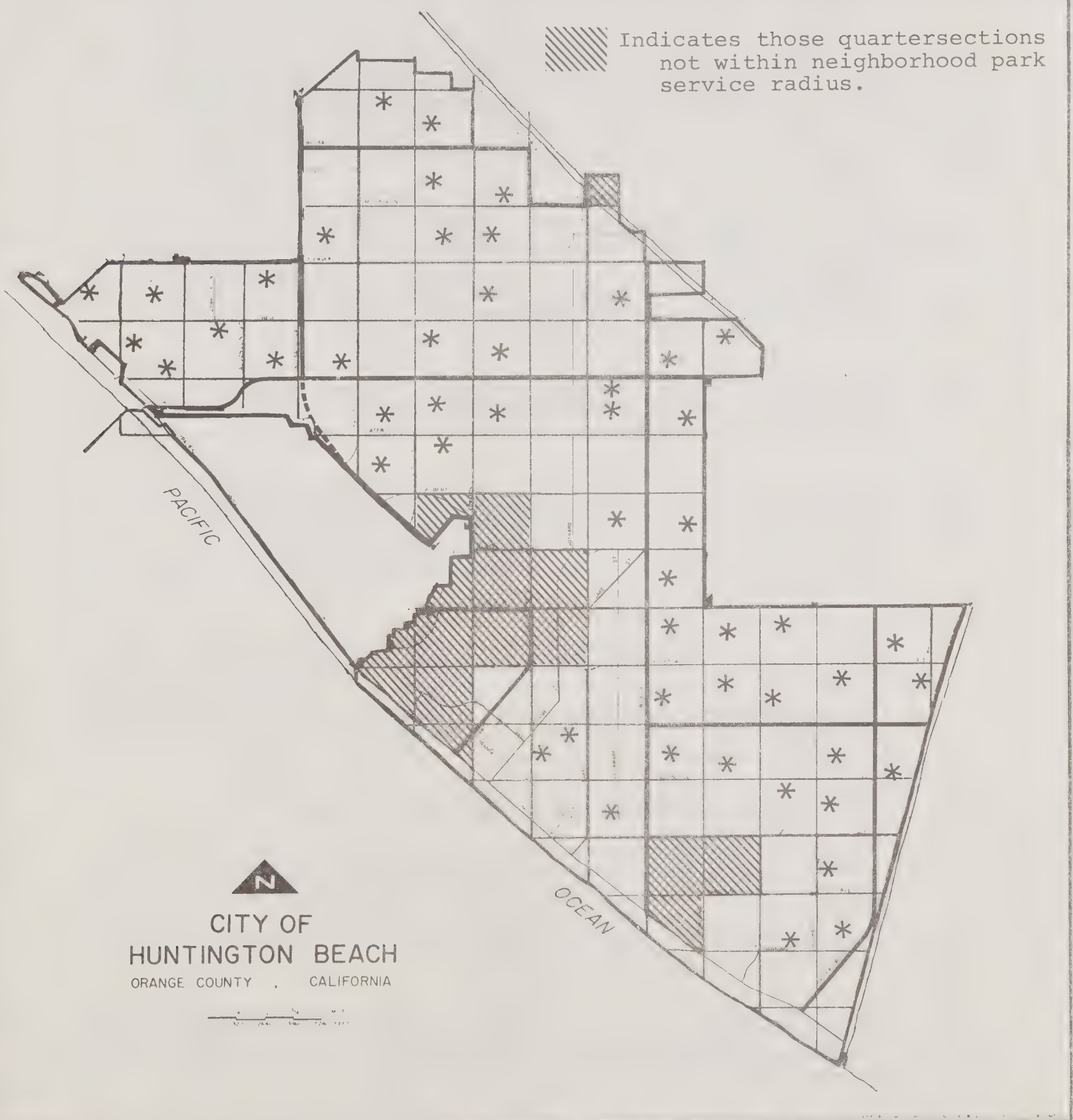
It should be noted that the above analysis does not assume any future development within the Bolsa Chica area. Should the area be developed residentially, additional parks and/or recreation facilities will be needed to serve the increased demand.



HUNTINGTON BEACH CALIFORNIA
PLANNING DIVISION

EXISTING COMMUNITY PARK SERVICE AREAS

Fig. 3-1



EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS



HUNTINGTON BEACH CALIFORNIA
PLANNING DIVISION

3.3 COMMUNITY SURVEY

In addition to using park standards, another way of determining park needs in a community is to survey area residents, the actual users of City parks, to get their views on whether existing facilities adequately meet their recreational needs. The results of a recreational survey conducted in Huntington Beach and two surveys conducted on a county-wide basis are summarized below.

3.3.1 Huntington Beach Recreation Survey

A recreation survey was conducted specifically for the City of Huntington Beach in 1977 by six U.C. Irvine students. Three hundred households in Huntington Beach were surveyed, representing roughly one percent of the population at that time. The results of this survey are reported in detail in The Parks Analysis report of August, 1977. Some of the results of that survey most pertinent to assessing recreation demand are reviewed below:

Eighty-eight percent of Huntington Beach residents who were surveyed made use of public recreation facilities in the city. The majority (51 percent) visited a recreation facility one to five times per month; 22 percent used facilities 6 to 10 times per month while 15 percent visited a facility over 11 times per month.

Roughly two-thirds of those surveyed (62 percent) used recreation facilities in the City other than, or in addition to, the park or playground closest to them. One third of the respondents used these other facilities more than they used the park or playground closest to them. Ninety-two percent of the Huntington Beach community visited the beach annually, half of whom visited the beach more often than they visited the City's parks.

Items commonly stated as attractive or desirable features of the City's parks in order of frequency were 1) children's play area, 2) open play area, 3) picnic facilities, and 4) tennis courts. Items commonly stated as undesirable features were dog messes, trash and lack of facilities. Better maintenance, more landscaping, and more facilities were frequently recommended by survey respondents to improve the City's parks.

3.3.2 Orange County Recreation Needs and Regional Parks Study

Two comprehensive recreation surveys are reported in the Orange County Recreation Needs and Regional Parks Study prepared in January of 1979.⁴ The first of these is a household survey of over 600 households in Orange County which took place between December, 1977 and February, 1978. The second is an on-site survey of Orange County park uses including interviews with 2,100 persons conducted in the summer of 1978.

Data from these two surveys provide information primarily useful for the planning of regional parks and cannot be applied directly to the local park needs of Huntington Beach. Some of the information on general recreation patterns and preferences, however, is of interest and is reviewed in this section.

⁴ Orange County Recreation Needs and Regional Parks Study, Orange County Environmental Management Agency, January, 1979.

The most popular activities for the general population of Orange County include bicycling, pool swimming, ocean/lake/river swimming, and beach and park visitation.

Younger age groups tend to be more active overall and particularly in such sports as swimming, tennis, bicycling and skateboarding. Other activities such as racquetball/handball and jogging are more attractive to adult age groups. Some activities which appear to have a relatively even participation rate across all age groups include fishing, horseback riding, picnicking and beach and park visitation.

In general, recreation activity in Orange County increases with increases in income. Some activities with relatively high participation costs, such as R.V. camping, are more frequently participated in by upper income groups. Lower income individuals more commonly engage in lower cost activities such as picnicking and fishing. Other activities, such as beach visitation and bicycling, are more evenly distributed across different income groups.

Of the total households surveyed, 14 percent were involved in some form of sports league activities, most frequently the children in the household. The most popular sport was baseball/softball, followed by soccer, football, and indoor basketball.

The most commonly owned types of major recreational equipment included bicycles, with over 66 percent of all households owning at least one; swimming pools, 14.4 percent; trail/dirt bikes, 10.4 percent; pickup campers, 9.5 percent; and van conversions, 8.9 percent.

RECREATION POLICIES



section 4

4.0 RECREATION POLICIES

4.1 POLICIES STATEMENT

The following goal and policy statements represent the City's direction in guiding development of recreational resources to best meet the needs of Huntington Beach residents.

4.1.1 Recreational Opportunity

Goal: Provide comprehensive, coordinated recreation, parks and open space programs that fulfill the needs of all segments of the community.

Policy: Assign park acquisition and development priorities based on the needs of the community and the individual areas concerned by considering the availability of parks of all types, school playgrounds and private recreation amenities.

Policy: Allow private open space that is provided in new development in excess of zoning requirements to count towards satisfying public recreation needs.

Policy: Where a need has been identified, seek alternative methods of providing parks if park fees are inadequate or non-existent.

Policy: Where a need has been identified, acquire land for parks, open space and recreation prior to land development.

Policy: Continue utilizing joint use agreements between school districts and the City to provide additional recreational opportunities.

Goal: Provide for adequate neighborhood recreation facilities for all areas of the City.

Policy: Provide neighborhood parks that are generally 2.5 to 5 acres in size.

Policy: Centrally locate parks within neighborhoods.

Policy: Design neighborhood parks to serve the area within a one-quarter mile radius.

Policy: When possible, locate neighborhood parks adjacent to schools so that both facilities can provide more functional uses.

Policy: Place a high priority on developing a neighborhood park to serve the Seacliff area.

Policy: In new residential tracts, consideration should be given to providing and maintaining neighborhood recreation areas through a homeowner's maintenance association.

Goal: Provide for adequate community park facilities for all areas of the City.

Policy: Provide community parks that are generally 15 to 20 acres in size.

Policy: Design community parks to serve several neighborhoods within a one and one-half mile service radius.

Policy: Include both indoor and outdoor recreational activities such as baseball diamonds, basketball courts, tennis courts and community centers in community parks.

Policy: Provide additional community facilities within Huntington Central Park to help satisfy the deficiency in community park space.

4.2.2 Coastal Recreation (The following policies are also contained in the City's Coastal Element.)

Goal: Provide for maximum recreational opportunities along the City and State beaches.

Policy: Prohibit development of permanent above-ground structures on the beach sand area with the exception of the following permitted uses:

- Lifeguard towers and other facilities necessary for public safety.
- Public restrooms and beach concession stands when located immediately adjacent to paved parking or access areas.
- Reconstruction and expansion related to the Municipal Pier.
- Fire rings and volleyball nets.
- Bike trails, bike support facilities, and handicapped access.

Policy: Prohibit expansion of parking facilities that would result in the loss of recreational sand area; expansion of parking facilities on Huntington State Beach between the existing parking area and Pacific Coast Highway would be permitted subject to:

- City approval of design and landscaping plans.
- State assurance that curbs, gutters, sidewalks, transit turnouts, highway medians and street lighting will be provided when improvements to this section of Pacific Coast Highway are implemented.

Policy: Prohibit groins, cliff retaining walls, pipelines, outfalls, and other such construction that may alter natural shoreline processes unless designed to eliminate or mitigate adverse impacts on local shoreline sand supply.

Goal: Protect, encourage and where feasible provide a variety of recreation facilities which provide opportunities for all income groups.

Policy: Provide opportunities for recreational fishing and support facilities on the Huntington Beach Pier.

Policy: Require that any plans for restoration or replacement of the Municipal Pier include the following provisions:

- Areas for recreational fishing and support facilities.
- Unobstructed public views seaward from the end of the Pier.
- Significant opportunities for unobstructed public views of the ocean and shoreline.
- Pedestrian access as the primary mode of circulation on the Pier.
- A minimum of 50 percent of the total area of the Pier as public open space.

Policy: Support the development of the Bolsa Chica linear park and the implementation of a continuous trail system from Huntington Central Park to the beach along the perimeter of the Bolsa Chica; establish an implementation plan for the Bolsa Chica linear park in cooperation with the County of Orange.

Policy: Support recreational facilities in the Bolsa Chica Linear Park that:

- Emphasize a low intensity character for that portion of the park within the City's coastal zone.
- Locate any higher intensity uses in nodes consistent with adjacent areas.
- Limit aboveground structures to support facilities such as restrooms, picnic tables and bike racks.
- Site all uses so as to preserve views to the adjacent Bolsa Chica.

- Policy: Provide additional bike racks to encourage the use of City and State beaches as a destination point for bicyclists, and encourage the State to do the same.
- Policy: Actively pursue county, State and federal funding for coastal projects including:
- Renovation of the Huntington Beach Municipal Pier.
 - Provision of nature walks and other educational opportunities in environmentally sensitive habitats where compatible.
 - Development of the Bolsa Chica linear park.
- Policy: Encourage the provision of public boating support facilities compatible with surrounding land uses and water quality.
- Policy: Encourage additional dry storage areas for boats in industrial areas zoned M1.
- Policy: Establish the responsibility for maintenance prior to approval of a marina or other major recreational facility.
- Policy: Encourage privately-owned recreation facilities to be open to the public.
- Policy: Encourage, where feasible, facilities and programs which increase and enhance public recreational opportunities in Huntington Harbour.
- Goal: Ensure local interests and concerns are included in State and regional recreation planning.
- Policy: Require review and approval by the City of final development plans prior to permitting any additional development on the State beaches.
- Policy: Prior to permitting any additional development on Huntington State Beach require:
- Review and approval by the City of final landscape and architectural plans.
 - Location of new facilities and landscaping in a manner that minimizes public view blockage and that enhances visually degraded areas.
 - Location of new facilities in a manner that maximizes the area of beach sand available for recreational use.
 - Location of comfort stations within or adjacent to parking facilities.
 - Provision of drop-off and turn-around facilities for public transit.
 - Provision of bus parking areas.
 - Removal of the existing chain link fence; City review and approval of the location, design and materials of any fencing necessary for safety purposes.

- Access provisions for early beach users.

Policy: Utilize a staff coordinating committee of representatives from Planning, Public Works and Community Services to coordinate and cooperate with adjacent jurisdictions and other public agencies in developing and reviewing plans affecting recreation opportunities in Huntington Beach and adjacent areas. Such committee shall review plans and provide comments and recommendations for:

- Huntington and Bolsa Chica State Beaches
- Bolsa Chica
- Mile Square Park (Fountain Valley)
- Sunset Aquatic Park (Seal Beach)
- Bolsa Chica Linear Park
- Other Related Projects

Goal: Provide public access to coastal resources when possible.

Policy: Require an offer of dedication of an easement in all new development to allow vertical access to the shoreline or to public recreation areas or to public trails and bikeways unless:

- Adequate access exists nearby or is proposed by the land use plan within 1,000 feet; or
- Access at the site would significantly degrade environmentally sensitive habitat areas; or
- Findings are made, consistent with Section 30212 of the Coastal Act that access is inconsistent with public safety, military security needs, or that agriculture would be adversely affected, or
- The parcel is too narrow for an adequate privacy buffer separating the accessway from the existing residence and would therefore adversely affect the privacy of the property owner. The following guideline shall be used in determining adequate privacy buffers: There should be at least 15 feet between the existing residence and the side yard property line for an adequate buffer.

These exceptions shall not apply to the Pacific Electric right-of-way.

Offers of dedication for vertical access shall be provided only to sandy beaches and recreation areas and in conjunction with development on vacant parcels, replacement of existing structures or in commercial projects.

Policy: Require an offer for dedication of an easement in all new development to allow lateral access along the shoreline public recreation areas or to public trails and bikeways unless:

- Findings are made consistent with Section 30212 of the Coastal Act that access is inconsistent with public safety, military security needs, or that agriculture would be adversely affected; or,
- Access at the site would significantly degrade environmentally sensitive habitat areas; or
- The parcel is too narrow for an adequate privacy buffer separating the lateral accessway from an existing residence. The following guideline shall be used in determining adequate privacy buffers: There must be at least 15 feet between an existing residence, patio cover or pool and the shoreline in order to accommodate both an accessway and the privacy buffer.

These exceptions shall not apply to the Pacific Electric right-of-way.

An offer of dedication for lateral access shall be required only in conjunction with new development on vacant parcels and along all sandy beach areas. In existing developed residential areas which do not front a sandy beach area, access will generally only be required where it can be accomplished with the privacy standards established above. Access to the bulkhead areas of Huntington Harbour is generally not appropriate, because in most cases it cannot be provided consistent with privacy standards. However, there may be situations where access to and along the bulkhead is appropriate. Where a parcel is large enough to provide public access consistent with the privacy standards in new development, access along the bulkhead may be appropriate, particularly if public use areas such as fishing piers can be reached or provided in new development through such accessways.

Policy: In no case shall development in any way diminish or interfere with the public's right of access to the sea where acquired through use or legislative authorization.

Policy: The City shall accept offers of dedication for access consistent with its ability to assume maintenance and liability. If not accepted by the City, offers of dedication for access may be accepted by any other public agencies or private association, provided that any association or agency which proposes to accept accessways must be able to assume maintenance and operation of such accessway prior to opening it to the public.

Policy: Analyze the impact of current and projected recreation traffic on the City's circulation system.

Policy: Promote safe pedestrian access to the beach from the inland side of Pacific Coast Highway.

Policy: Establish a signing program which will identify public accessways, bikeways, recreation areas and vista points throughout the coastal zone.

Policy: Preserve, and where possible, provide additional public access to the Huntington Harbour waterways; assemble for public information the full legal documentation to identify the public rights-of-way, ownership and other agreements concerning the Huntington Harbour channels including applicable homeowners association deed restrictions.

Policy: Promote public access to coastal wetlands for limited nature study, passive recreation and other low intensity uses compatible with the sensitive nature of these areas.

Policy: Pursue local, state and federal funding to provide and maintain boardwalks, peripheral trails, interpretive exhibits and other educational facilities in coastal wetlands.

APPENDIX



section 5

APPENDIX

INVENTORY OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED PARKS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Park Name</u>	<u>Acres Acquired</u> (gr. acres)	<u>Acres Undeveloped</u> (gr. acres)	<u>Comments</u>
<u>NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS:</u>				
<u>Existing</u>				
N1	Arevalos	3.0		2 acres leased from Edison; 1 acre joint powers agreement.
N2	Bolsa View	3.0		
N3	Booster	1.0		
N4	Burke	2.5		
N5	Bushard	2.5		
N6	Chris Carr	11.0		
N7	Circle View	2.0		Joint powers agreement.
N8	Clegg-Stacey	3.0		Joint powers agreement.
N9	College View	3.0		.5 acres joint powers agreement.
N10	Conrad	3.0		
N11	Drew	2.5		
N12	Eader	2.5		
N13	Farquhar	3.0		
N14	Franklin	2.0		Joint powers agreement.
N15	Gisler	11.0		
N16	Glen View	3.0		
N17	Golden View	2.5		
N18	Greer	15.0		
N19	Harbour View	3.5		

<u>No.</u>	<u>Park Name</u>	<u>Acres Acquired</u> (gr. acres)	<u>Acres Undeveloped</u> (gr. acres)	<u>Comments</u>
N20	Haven View	3.0		
N21	Hawes	2.5		
N22	Helme	2.0		
N23	Hope View	3.0		
N24	Irby	5.0	2.0	City owns six additional acres declared surplus.
N25	Lake	5.0		
N26	Lake View	3.0		Joint powers agreement.
N27	Lambert	5.5	2.0	Remaining 2.0 acres to be developed in (FY 84-85).
N28	Langenbeck	18.0		Eight acres leased from Edison Company.
N29	Lark View	3.0		.5 acre joint powers agreement.
N30	LeBard	5.0		2 acres leased from Edison.
N31	Marine View	3.0		Joint powers agreement.
N32	Moffet	2.5		
N33	Newland	3.0		Joint powers agreement.
N34	Oak View	2.5		Ocean View School District property.
N35	Oak View Center	2.5		Includes Oak View Day Care Center.
N36	Perry	2.0		
N37	Pleasant View	2.0		Joint powers agreement.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Park Name</u>	<u>Acres Acquired</u> (gr. acres)	<u>Acres Undeveloped</u> (gr. acres)	<u>Comments</u>
N38	Robinwood	2.0		Joint powers agreement.
N39	Schroeder	2.5		
N40	Seabridge	4.5		
N41	Seeley	3.5		
N42	Sowers	2.5		
N43	Sun View	2.5		
N44	Talbert	5.5		
N45	Tarbox	1.0		
N46	Terry	5.0		
N47	Wardlow	2.5		
	SUBTOTAL	<u>182.5</u>	<u>4.0</u>	
<u>PROPOSED</u>				
N48	Bartlett	30.0	30.0	
N49	Gibbs	5.0	5.0	
N50	Lamb	1.0	1.0	
N51	McCallen	5.5	5.5	
N52	Manning	2.5	2.5	
N53	Rancho View	3.0	3.0	
N54	Wieder	5.0	5.0	
N55	Unnamed	0		Conceptual located in Bolsa Chica -
N56	Unnamed	0		Conceptual located in Bolsa Chica -
N57	Unnamed	0		Conceptual located in Bolsa Chica -

<u>No.</u>	<u>Park Name</u>	<u>Acres Acquired</u> (gr. acres)	<u>Acres Undeveloped</u> (gr. acres)	<u>Comments</u>
N58	Unnamed	0		Conceptual - located in Bolsa Chica
N59	Unnamed	0		Conceptual - located in Seacliff
N60	Unnamed	0		Conceptual - located in Seacliff
N61	Unnamed	0		Conceptual - located in Seacliff
SUBTOTAL		<u>52.0</u>	<u>52.0</u>	
TOTAL NEIGHBORHOOD		234.5	56.0	
<u>MINI PARKS:</u>				
<u>Existing</u>				
M1	French	.5		
M2	Prince	.2		
M3	Trinidad Beach	<u>.5</u>		
TOTAL MINI		1.2		
<u>COMMUNITY PARKS:</u>				
<u>Existing</u>				
C1	Edison	40.0		13 acres leased from Edison Company.
C2	Marina	11.0		Branch library. No community center; one acre joint powers agreement.
C3	Murdy	15.0		
C4	Worthy	<u>12.0</u>		5 acres joint powers agreement.
TOTAL COMMUNITY		78		

<u>No.</u>	<u>Park Name</u>	<u>Acres Acquired</u> (gr. acres)	<u>Acres Undeveloped</u> (gr. acres)	<u>Comments</u>
<u>REGIONAL PARKS:</u>				
<u>Existing</u>				
	Huntington Central Park	300	110	
	Huntington City Beach	72		
	Huntington State and Bolsa Chica State Beaches	308		The State owns and operates Bolsa Chica and Huntington State Beaches.
	Blufftop Landscaped Area	4		Developed jointly by City, County and State funds.
	Sunset Aquatic Park	(95)	(28)	Located in unincorporated Orange County.
	Mile Square Park	(632)	(83)	Located in Fountain Valley
	Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve	(300)		State-owned property in unincorporated Orange County.



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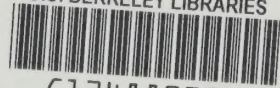
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